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IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

Winnie, the year-old miniature horse who was stolen during a break-in three weeks ago, has been reunited with her owners. The rare three-foot tall horse was stolen from a barn near Monks Horton. Her owner Karah Hamilton said: "We are so glad to have Winnie back. We have other horses as well and we thought the thieves might come back."

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■ BY ED HILL

ASHFORD is going to be one of the first towns in Kent to start building council housing again.

The announcement came after it received a cash injection from the Government intended to revive home building.

Ashford was the only authority to be given a slice of the £8 million pot for the South East.

The £1.7m will be used for 25 homes on brownfield sites at Towers View and Gerlach House in Kennington and Blake Court, Breadlands Road and Hunter Close in Willesborough.

Building work could begin as early as December.

Until the credit crunch, the council had delivered most new affordable homes through arrangements with housing associations and the private sector, but since the recession many developments have been put on hold.

Cllr Peter Wood, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Property, said: "We are always willing to consider alternative ways of meeting our commitment to deliver affordable housing, and that is why we have taken advantage of the Government's funding for social housing."

"This scheme will help us to continue our regeneration plans for existing council housing areas and provide a stimulus for a market that has been experiencing difficulties."

Councils had to bid for the money proving that the schemes would provide good value for money and address housing need.

Only bids for the construction of new council homes for rent were eligible.

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PRESENTATION: Jacques Fauchaux, second left, joins the mayors of Ashford, Fougères and Bad Munstereifel for the ceremony to name the road next to the International Station

Road honour for former mayor

IT might not be as glamorous as the Champs-Élysées in Paris, but Romney Marsh Road has now brought a little bit of Gallic flair to Ashford.

The dual carriageway that runs in front of the International Station and the Designer Outlet has been christened Avenue Jacques Fauchaux, after the former mayor of Ashford's twin town Fougères.

Monsieur Fauchaux has been an enthusiastic supporter of the twinning movement since his town in Brittany joined its German partner Bad Munstereifel more than 20 years ago.

The new signs were unveiled at a ceremony on Saturday attended by Monsieur Fauchaux, the current mayors of the French and German towns and Ashford's Mayor Cllr John Holland.

Cllr Holland said: "We wanted to mark his contribution in a lasting way. Jacques has been a true advocate of the twinning partnership. He was responsible for bringing Fougères into the tripartite with Bad Munstereifel.

"The road is most appropriate as it is next to the international station and our links to Europe. The twinning association has proved that lan-

■ BY ED HILL

guage is no barrier to friendship."

The lettering of the road sign has been set out in the French tradition of having Avenue at the beginning of the name. The dual carriageway also had the benefit of having no postal addresses on it meaning a minimum of disruption.

The ceremony was the culmination of a trip of more than 50 people from France and Germany. As well as twinning members it included experts looking at transport issues in Kent. After the presentation they were given a tour of the Hitachi Hi-speed train rail works.

Monsieur Fauchaux was presented with his own road sign to take back to Brittany.

Speaking through an interpreter, he said: "It is a great honour to be associated with Ashford in this beautiful part of Great Britain.

"I am very proud for my friends and family and all the people who have made this possible. I would like to thank the members of Ashford council for having dared to have my name put up around the town in honour of a Frenchmen who speaks such bad English.

"We are not used to honouring people in this way while they are still alive, but I'm glad they have made the exception in this case."

Jail for bogus caller who conned elderly

A MAN who tricked his way into the homes of elderly people has been jailed for two-and-a-half years.

Ambrose Treeby, 25, from Paddock Wood, was found guilty of two burglaries in the Ashford area.

In the first case in April this year, he tricked his way into the home of two elderly sisters in Hunter Avenue and stole £30.

Two months later he posed as a handyman to gain entry to a 73 year-old woman's home in Wittersham, near Tenterden. He said he had come to clean the guttering and then stole £130 from the house.

DS Steve Chapman from Kent police said: "We are very pleased with this result.

"This man preyed on elderly and vulnerable people and showed no compassion for his victims.

"It is important that elderly and vulnerable people understand that they have the right to refuse entry to their homes if they do not know the caller.

"A genuine caller will not mind waiting whilst a householder checks the validity of their call with the company they claim to represent."

1,000 apply for 120 store jobs

MANAGERS of the Waitrose Store that is to open in Repton Park have been flooded by job applications.

More than 1,000 people have applied for 120 jobs at the store on Sir Bernard Paget Avenue at the former Templer and Rowcroft barracks site.

The store will open on November 5, and the company has been carrying out interviews for the jobs.

Jobs at Waitrose are keenly sought as, being part of the John Lewis group, employees (or partners as the company refers to them) have a say in how the business is run, and an annual share in its profits each year.

This year, partners received 13 per cent of their annual salary in their March pay packet, the equivalent of just under seven weeks wages.

Ashford branch manager David Lane said: "We were overwhelmed by the number of applications we received, and have been delighted by the high calibre of those applying."

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Developers to defer community payments

■ BY ED HILL

CASH-strapped developers who are supposed to pay for parks and play areas as part of new housing developments are being told they don't need to worry.

And now Ashford council is encouraging other authorities to copy its relaxed attitude so that building work goes ahead.

Payments are supposed to be made by developers often as a condition of being granted planning permission. It is called a 106 agreement. The money goes towards paying for schools, health care and roads, as well as other facilities to help improve the community.

However, in the current economic climate many developers have put projects on hold, often blaming the 106 agreements for making developments too expensive.

Ashford, like other Government-targeted growth areas, is required to deliver large number of houses over the next 10 to 20 years.

To meet the targets, the council decided it would let home builders delay making 106 payments on three major projects in or close to the town centre. The developers would be required to make the payments later when house prices recovered.

Now other councils in the country are thinking of adopting its approach. At a recent seminar the council's policy was presented to more than 30 local authorities from across the South East as a way to help kick-start large building projects.



FUNDING: Charter House is one of three major developments where 106 payments could be put on hold

The council says that this will not mean that important infrastructure items such as schools and doctors' surgeries will not get built.

However, facilities such as play areas and parks might well be delayed. They also say the policy will only be adopted for key brownfield sites.

Lois Jarrett, strategic sites and design manager for Ashford council, said: "Many major developments across the country have not moved forward.

"To try and resolve this issue Ashford Borough Council has taken the pro-active step

of allowing developers to defer payments on major developments such as Charter House, Newtown works and Hunter Avenue.

"When the market returns, developers will be able to recoup more money on their investment and be in a position to pay the deferred contributions."

Richard Blackman from legal property experts Vertex Law, who helped the council draw up the new contracts, said: "It is a pragmatic solution which shares some of the risk, while still ensuring that local authorities receive a fair level of infrastructure funding."

Grandfather's concerns for farm bug twins

A GRANDFATHER from the town has spoken about his visit to the petting farm caught in the middle of an E. coli outbreak.

Brian Mock, 68, visited Godstone Farm in Surrey with his two grandchildren Aaron and Todd, who are now in a London Hospital undergoing dialysis treatment.

The two-year-old twins caught the bug when they visited the farm on August 31. The family first knew they had contracted E. coli when the boys and five-year-old sister Jodie went to the GP with serious symptoms.

The family was then tested and after initially being treated in Pembury Hospital in West Kent the two boys were sent to St Thomas' Hospital in central London.

Mr Mock said the children were in a poorly but stable condition.

Speaking to The Independent, he said: "The turning point will be when they urinate again, because that will be an indication as to whether or not their kidneys are functioning properly. They could be up there for a couple of weeks.

"They are having blood tests and the medication is being varied, according to the results of those tests.

"Their mother is really distressed because they are such young children and, despite the fact that they took precautions, they have still ended up in hospital."

Thirty-six cases of the E. coli infection have now been confirmed, 12 of them in children.

The Health Protection Agency says anyone who visited the farm after August 8 and becomes unwell should seek medical advice.

Grant 'shows confidence in council'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Cllr Wood added: "This is just the start of what we hope will be a rolling programme of small-scale developments.

"Our intention is to use sites we already have in many of our neighbourhoods, bringing them back into use, but at the same time ensuring this is done in a way which complements what is already there."

The money comes from the newly-created Homes and Communities Agency.

Ashford will be making a second bid for funds this autumn, which could see a further 40 social housing homes being built.

Tracey Kerly, head of housing, said: "It's great to be in the forefront of what is an historic moment for local government social housing. Our successful bid shows the confidence ministers have in this council's housing service."

Minister for the South East Jonathan Shaw said: "This is a significant start on enabling councils to start building their own homes again. The construction industry has been hard hit by the recession and this support will go some way to tackling that."

Comedian's offer fails to save lamb from the chop

PAUL O'Grady stepped into a row over the future of a lamb this week.

The chat show star, who lives on a farm in Aldington, offered to save the animal, called Marcus, from slaughter after it had been raised by children at a primary school in Lydd.

He told the Mirror newspaper: "When you introduce a lamb to children - and I assume he's bottle-fed and hand-reared - and you name him, it's no longer a wild animal. It's a pet."

Mr O'Grady said rather than see Marcus killed, he would take it to his farm and keep the children informed about its well-being.

But despite his offer, the sheep was taken to the abattoir on Monday.

The media storm blew up this week after a number of parents at the school complained about the lamb being sent for slaughter.

Marcus was one of three lambs that headteacher Andrea Charman brought to the school so that the chil-



dren could learn more about farming and the source of their food.

The children had always been told that one of the lambs would go for slaughter so that they could buy new piglets for the school.

Many parents said the story had been blown out of proportion.

Karen Adamson said: "It's the circle of life. We are a farming community. There are farmers' children who go to the school. Ofsted agreed with it, they thought it was a great idea having the farm."

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Ramblers step out to help local causes

ANOTHER successful fund-raising ramble has been organised by the Ashford Rotary Club.

More than 300 participants ran or walked over the five or ten-mile routes near Wye to raise thousands of pounds for local good causes.

The main beneficiary this year was the First Kennington Scout Group, which is building a new headquarters.

Roger Martin, chairman of the scouts fund raising committee, said: "A third of the £330,000 needed for the new HQ to be built in Lower Vicarage Road has been raised, but the extra funds being brought in by this event will certainly help."

Ashford Rotary Club president, Stuart McRae, said: "A lot of hard work goes into an event like this, so thanks to all Rotarians who helped, plus St John Ambulance, Inner Wheel and our sponsors The Brett Group and The Sunley Foundation."

Vist www.rotary1120.org/ashford for more information.

Join youth forum and have your say

THE council's neighbourhood youth forum is looking for new members to join its group on the Little Burton Estate.

The forum gives young people aged 12-19 the chance to discuss their concerns about the neighbourhood at regular meetings.

In the three years since it was formed, the forum has achieved a number of changes due to their input on key decisions. The estate now has a youth shelter, new goal posts, a games area and new equipment at the fishing club.

Call Ashford council's Neighbourhood Youth Forum co-ordinator on 01233 330290 or email elaine.davey@ashford.gov.uk.

Celebration to mark estate regeneration

IT HAS been two years since regeneration work began at the Stanhope estate. To mark the anniversary a celebration day is being held today (Weds).

Mike Baker from Chrysalis, the consortium managing the project, said: "This event will celebrate a neighbourhood moving forward together."

"Chrysalis prides itself on the focus on residents, not just bricks and mortar. The consortium and all stakeholders are proud to support the already strong existing community spirit at Stanhope and look forward to celebrating the positive progress with residents."

The event begins at 12.30 at the Parish Rooms in Otterden Close.

Owner tells of delight as little Winnie is found safe and sound

■ BY ED HILL

A MINIATURE horse has been reunited with its owner after it was stolen from a barn near Monks Horton.

One-year-old Winnie, who is just 3ft high, was stolen during a break-in three weeks ago.

Owner Karah Hamilton said: "We are so glad to have her back. We have other horses as well and we thought the thieves might come back."

"She is unusual being an Anglo miniature horse. Whoever stole her, I don't think they knew what they had. They are specially bred from the horses first brought to the country centuries ago. She is from that original bloodline."

The owner turned to her friends in the horse community for help to find precious pony and police made a public appeal for information.

Mrs Hamilton said: "I have a friend who runs a website called Horsepoo.co.uk and she has lots of people on her database, she sent emails out nationally."



SPECIAL BREED: Anglo miniature horse Winnie has been returned after break-in at barn

"Luckily someone who had seen the email saw her tethered while riding in woods in Aylesham and called straight away. I called the police and we were down there within an hour looking for her."

Fortunately the horse was found safe and well; if a little fat after being fed the wrong kind of grass. Winnie had been micro chipped which helped police to identify her quickly.

Mrs Hamilton said: "I just want to emphasise how important it is to microchip your horses. Without that it would have been harder to prove she was ours. There is no way that can be forged."

PC Dave McGuinness from Kent Police said: "Rural break-ins are not common in South Kent and by working together we can keep it that way."

"Farmers and landowners in can also benefit from Country Eye, which runs a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the rural community."

Mrs Hamilton praised the police for their persistence.

She said: "PC Dave McGuinness and his team were brilliant. They were determined to get her back and never stopped looking."

• If you have concerns about rural crime or would like to speak to your neighbourhood officer, you can find their details by visiting www.kent.police.uk or phoning 01303 850055.



CLUB BOWLED OVER BY YOUNGSTERS

A PRESENTATION day was held at Kennington Cricket Club last week for members of the junior side.

Over the last season the club has managed to increase its junior members from 34 to 73 thanks to sponsorship from Park Mall shopping centre.

The club has nine qualified coaches who provide children with the opportunity to learn about cricket

and have fun during the 15-week program that they run on Sunday mornings at their ground in Ulley Road.

Cricket Club president, Peter Grant, said: "The sponsorship provided by Park Mall over the last few years has been vital in the support and development of our expanding junior section."

Kennington Cricket Club is the only one to have

achieved the nationally recognised Clubmark accreditation status for its young player training in the area.

The children received a certificate to mark their attitude and hard work. Coaches also awarded trophies in the under 10 and U14 categories for best bowlers, batsmen, fielder and all rounder.



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Mountbatten bomb survivor relives tragedy

■ BY ED HILL

TIMOTHY Knatchbull, who grew up in Mersham, near Ashford, is a member of one of the country's best connected families.

He has just written a book about his involvement in one of the worst terrorist atrocities to rock the British establishment.

In 1979, at the age of 14, Mr Knatchbull's grandfather, Lord Mountbatten, his grandmother, Lady Brabourne, his twin brother Nicholas and a 15-year-old local boy, Paul Maxwell, were killed by an IRA bomb planted on their small fishing boat off the coast of County Sligo in Ireland.

Timothy Knatchbull was also on the boat at the time of the explosion with his father and mother (the current Lady Brabourne) who also survived the attack.

Thirty years later he has decided to tell how he has come to terms with the events that day and how they have coloured his life.

Perhaps the most poignant part of the story is the loss of his twin. The two were so alike that when they were playing in the grounds of the family home in Mersham the rest of the family could not tell them apart.

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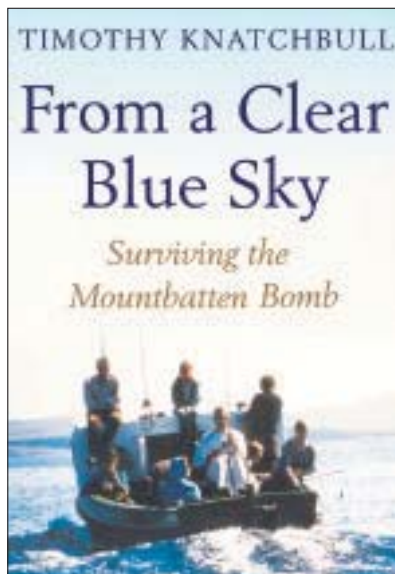
Even now, the 44-year-old says when he looks at old photos of the pair he is not sure which one is him. The two brothers were very close and the loss left a gap in his life which he says he has only recently managed to come to terms with.

The IRA targeted the family because of Lord Mountbatten.

The former viceroy of India was at the heart of the British establishment and a close friend to all the members of the current royal family.

They were also an easy target as it was well known they holidayed each year in Ireland.

The book, *From A Clear Blue Sky*, shows how despite the mental and physical scars that were inflicted on Mr Knatchbull that day, he believes he has led a lucky life.



EASY TARGETS: Lord Mountbatten's family were known to holiday in Ireland each year

After the attack he returned to school and then became a student at Cambridge, later following his father's footsteps into the field of TV and film producing. He now lives in London with his wife and young family.

His says the book is really about "saying goodbye to Nick".

After counselling he decided to make a journey back to the site of the explosion and learn more about the events that day and how it affected the local people in Mullaghmore in Ireland who had to deal with the aftermath. He has also been helped by the group the Lone Twin Network.

In an interview with the Sunday Times he said: "I still think about Nick every day. The two strokes of luck in my life were my twin and my wife."

From a Clear Blue Sky is published by Hutchinson.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

What was orb in the sky?

ASHFORD'S reputation as a UFO hotspot grows ever stronger following the sighting of another mysterious object in the sky.

According to the website UK UFO Sightings a strange orange orb was seen over South Ashford on September 5.

Kim who witnessed the event said around 9pm said: "It was flying silently and slowly, it was erratic flying and at one point stopped and hovered above us, we watched for about four minutes, it then moved off very fast."

"Just as I was about to go inside, we noticed another one further away in the opposite direction of the houses, but it was too far to get on film."

"There was also a weird orange cloud moving slowly above us and it seemed there were lighting streaks coming from it, there were no other clouds about that night and the air seemed as though it was dead."

"Every so often we heard like a dull boom sound coming from the cloud, but once that passed over us, the air seemed to return to normal."

New buses may come early

PROPOSALS to introduce a Smartlink bus service for the town may come earlier than expected.

The council now says it wants to submit a business case to the Department of Transport by the end of the year. It hopes this will enable the scheme to be introduced in 2011 rather than 2013.

The new service would see buses run at eight to ten-minute intervals, linking key points of the town such as the Designer Outlet, town centre, Drover's Roundabout and the planned urban extensions of Cheeseman's Green and Chilmington Green.

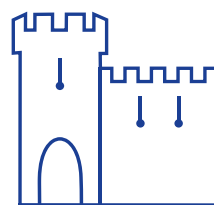
Rugby club licence cheer

ASHFORD Rugby Club in Kennington has had its drinks and entertainment licence extended despite objections from local residents.

At a meeting of the Licensing committee it agreed the club could sell alcohol from 10am until midnight from Sunday to Thursday and 10am until 12.30am on Friday and Saturday.

It also permitted the events such as plays and live and recorded music inside its clubhouse in Kennys Field.

Permission was also granted for ten outdoor events during the year as well as its Summer Ball and Beer and Music Festival.



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The event was part of a year-long program of events to celebrate 100 years of Guiding and saw Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from across the region join together to celebrate.

Melanie Bowen of Girl Guiding Ashford Knoll said: "The event was a huge success and we had a fantastic turnout."



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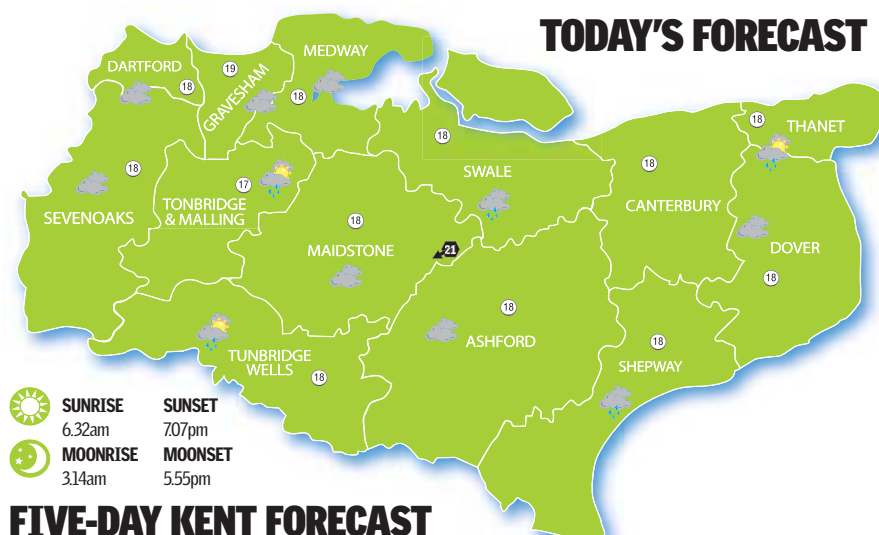
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	Sunday	12:45pm	7.1m
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	Sunday	12:48pm	8.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:36pm	5.4m
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Construction waste recycle scheme is making progress

RECYCLING paper, plastic and tin cans is now a routine part of our housekeeping, but one of the biggest businesses to generate waste is the construction industry.

A project run by Remade South East (RSE) and Ashford's Future aims to prevent 30,000 tonnes of waste going into landfill sites has just completed its first year.

All sites over the value of £300,000 now have to have what are called Site Waste Management Plans.

Andrew Kent, from Remade, said: "Part of the process is looking at minimising waste on a site. Even at the design stage you can eliminate unused material."

Remade held a number of training events, educating those involved in the construction industry on environmental legislation and approached building companies to invite them to take part in the scheme.

Landfill

A total of 13 companies and nine active sites are now committed to the project and more than 1,600 tonnes was diverted from landfill in the first year. The body also undertakes research into how materials can be recycled and then reused in new products.

Mr Kent said: "On site we get builders to estimate the types and quantities of waste that they are going to produce and identify the ones that can be easily recycled, such as soil concrete and wood. We then put systems in place to segregate that material so it goes into different skips."

Laurienne Tibbles, sustainability manager for Ashford's Future said: "We are delighted with the progress made in the first year. The new projects becoming active in the next 12 months will give RSE the opportunity to become involved before construction starts allowing a greater amount of waste to be recycled. These new sites will contribute greatly to the target of diverting 30,000 tonnes from landfill by 2011."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

EMMA DOVE



Q Why did you decide to open an art gallery in Ashford?

A I wanted to do something that I would find interesting. You need a lot of drive and passion to run your own business and I think it is important to do something you are interested in. It is also important to consider the marketplace and I felt that it was a good opportunity for me as there was nothing else similar in Ashford.

Q How did you get into selling art?

A There is a wealth of great art around but there isn't anywhere in the town that sells a cross section of that work. I felt that Ashford was ready for such a place.

Q Is Ashford a good area for artists?

A Yes definitely – there are many fantastic local artists around this area. They all have their own style and areas of interest and it is great to be able to showcase some of this work in the gallery.

Q How do you see the future of the town?

A I am very optimistic about the future of Ashford. The pieces are gradually coming together and, in time, it will be the place we all want it to be. There is a lot of scope here to make it a great place to live and work.

Q Do you think the distinction between contemporary and traditional art is a thing of the past?

A I think the boundaries between the two overlap and people have differing opinions about what constitutes contemporary art.

Q Do you think art can be elitist? How do you break down those barriers?

A I don't think it should be elitist. Anyone can buy a piece of art – there is a whole range of very affordable art out there that will suit all types of budget and taste. If there are any barriers it is more likely to be down to lack of exposure to art perhaps and improving access to art will demystify it. I don't think it always comes down to cost either – for the price of a meal out or a new outfit anyone can buy a piece of art-work that can be enjoyed time and time again.

Q Do you think artworks should be bought as an investment?

A I think you should enjoy a piece of art. If it is also a good investment that's a bonus.

Q Do you have to like the art that you sell or do you have to cater for every kind of taste?

A I do like all the pieces I have in the gallery. I have selected a wide range of work that I hope appeals to everyone. Many of the pieces in the gallery are originals and what adds to my enjoyment, is the knowledge that each one is unique.

Q How do you find working with artists?

A I have found the artists to be extremely welcoming. They are all pleased to see a gallery in Ashford and they have given me a great deal of encouragement and advice. They are a great group of people to work with.

Q Are you artistic yourself?

A I would describe myself as creative. I am a graphic designer by trade and use my visual skills to select and hang the work in the gallery.

Q How do you see the future of the gallery developing?

A I am looking forward to becoming an established business in the town with a wide network of artists and customers. I have plans to expand what we are currently offering such as introducing jewellery, ceramics, glassware and sculpture.

Q If money was no object, what piece of art would most like to own yourself and why?

A I would love to own something like David Hockney's 'Bigger Trees near Warter'. It is very striking and I love its simplicity and impact. I also like the fact that it is a contemporary piece that combines traditional painting techniques with the latest digital technology in its production.

Q&A

The owner of Ashford's new art gallery, The Art Room, talks to **Ed Hill** about her business in the town, her enjoyment of working with talented artists in the area and why art can be affordable to everyone

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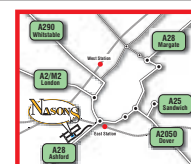
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Bereaved mum targets drug dealer 'parasites'

Every parent worries their child will become involved in drugs and there are many ways Kent Police are involved in fighting dealers and trying to educate teenagers. This week, as part of our A Safer Kent series, we meet the mother of a young woman who died after taking what she believed was cocaine and discover how she is trying to stop others suffering the same fate. Reporter **Marijke Cox** speaks to Angela Pett about her daughter's death and the education programme she has now launched.

A GRIEVING mother has launched a campaign to stamp out "parasite" drug dealers who played a hand in her daughter's death.

Angela, 46, and Ian Pett, 49, and their son Joe, 23, were left devastated last October when 20-year-old Haniska died after taking cocaine on a night out.

The young hairdresser had bought the drugs from 'friends' who, according to Angela, had cut the drug with MDMA – a form of ecstasy – amphetamines, and BZP, a worming tablet for cows. There was only five per cent cocaine found in the powder.

Angela said: "I know it was Haniska's choice, but these dealers cut it with whatever they can to make more money."

"They pretend to be your friends, but they're not. The people who sold it to Haniska had bought it off dealers who had bought it off someone else and they had all cut it as it passed down the line."

"The big misconception is that people think you can't die from cocaine, but you can and my daughter's death proves that."

Angela is now using Haniska to teach others not to dabble in what are seen as recreational drugs. She plans to go to schools to tell youngsters about the dangers.

"Children need to be educated about drugs from as young as 14," she said.

"The police have been brilliant, but I think when it comes to going to schools to talk to children it would be better coming from someone who has experienced what drugs can do. I'd tell them that everyone has choices and one of them is life."

Angela said she has already been to pubs and clubs with police in Gravesend to watch them tackle the problem.

"They have special lights which show up cocaine traces and in one girls' toilet there wasn't a surface without it on," she said.

"The police are doing a good job though and pubs are really cracking down with searches and drop boxes for people to get rid of drugs, no questions asked."

Fun-loving

But she stressed the main problem is that taking cocaine is seen as socially acceptable.

"People think only heroin kills, but coke can too," she said. "The public view of drug-users is that they are thieves who steal to feed their habit, but with cocaine it's not like that. A lot of young professionals take it and in the case of my daughter, she worked hard but unfortunately spent her money on it."

Angela said she had known about Haniska's drug taking and had warned her.

The detrimental effect on her "beautiful and fun-loving" daughter was heartbreaking.

"Haniska was extremely caring, loud and funny, but after a heavy weekend, she would



TRAGIC LOSS: Angela with a photo of Haniska

get very moody and her nose would sometimes bleed. I can't believe she's gone, and all because of drugs."

"It's so upsetting that the parasite dealers who sold it to her are still out there."

"The police worked hard to get a conviction, but there isn't enough evidence. I'm not going to let this go. If I stop then they've won and Haniska's death was a waste."

DRUG FACT FILE

- Kent Police and local drug and alcohol teams are working to tackle drug-related crime and prevent deaths.
- Police are also working with pubs and clubs. This includes using technology to detect drugs and projecting messages about the dangers onto buildings.
- During a recent Tackling Drugs Week, police recovered more than 500g of cocaine with a street value of £22,000. They also made more than 50 arrests, many for dealing.
- During the action week 41 schools in Kent were visited by officers who warned pupils about the dangers.
- From 2008-09 Kent Police detected 3,912 drug offences, of which 644 related to the supply and production of drugs.
- A recent report into drug related deaths in the UK, from St George's University London, showed that nationally nine per cent of over 2,000 UK drug related deaths were linked to cocaine use.

You can ask the chief

NEXT month Kent police chief Michael Fuller has agreed to answer questions from our readers about any aspect of policing.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "I am delighted to be able to talk to the people of Kent via your pages and I look forward to hearing from you, and having the chance to

let you know how we are making the county an even better place to live."

This is the third week of our A Safer Kent campaign looking behind the scenes at Kent Police to discover some of the stories behind the headlines as our

3,640 police officers help look after a population of 1.65 million.

Last week we featured the officer who came to Kent from one of Britain's most notorious areas for gun crime, bringing the expertise to ensure we remain alert and protected.

Next week we look at the hi-tech number plate reading technology on which police are increasingly using to monitor the movements of criminals.

To ask the Chief Constable a question, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to the editor at this newspaper: Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

We will carry as many answers as we can in our edition of October 7.

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Sid's mug not in the breast possible taste

Ugly Mug Amnesty brings ceramic crimes out of the closet

■ BY JON COATES

AN ALL The Breast Jimmy Jones mug – pictured above with Sid the dog – is the winner of the first Ugly Mug Amnesty.

Kurstie Long, from Folkestone, entered as soon as we opened the hunt for the ugliest mug in Kent.

The mug, which belongs to her mum Louise, was the frontrunner throughout most of the two-month search and just managed to stay a-breast of the competition.

But it was nearly pipped at the finishing post by a frog mug sent in by Maggie Francis of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, two weeks ago. Her snap of her vessel nestled in a pot plant holder has been awarded second place in the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

Third place goes to pensioner William Harrison, 61, from Canterbury, a volunteer for Age Concern Canterbury.

His Simply the Breast and Feeling Cocky mugs were given to him by his family to match his sense of humour.

Miss Long bought the All The Breast



SECOND: Frog mug owned by Maggie Francis



THIRD: William Harrison from Canterbury

Jimmy Jones mug at a boot fair two years ago for 50p. She said: "I think it is collectable and comes from the 1970s. I collect mugs."

KOS Media launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county at the end of July to kick-start Macmillan Cancer Supoport's major fundraising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The Ugly Mug Amnesty aimed to find the wackiest or most embarrassing mmug lurking at the back of Kent's cupboards.

Miss Long will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan



MILKING IT: Sid the dog with the winning mug, submitted by Kurstie Long of Folkestone

Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fundraiser and takes place this year on Friday, September 25.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fundraising events in Britain.

Macmillan asks the pubic to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going directly to those affected by cancer.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8 million nationwide. But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fund-raiser in the country.

We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.

Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

• To take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

'Cocaine' energy drink under fire

A DRINKS firm has defended its new product – Simply Cocaine – after it came under fire from anti-drugs groups.

It comes just a year after another company in the county, Ocke Cokey of Tunbridge Wells, was also attacked for planning to launch a British version of an American drink, called Cut Cocaine.

Simply Drinks, in Hawkhurst, launched their new bottle last month, advertised as a high-energy drink with a lemon fizz, featuring a character called Charlie.

It contains twice the caffeine of a Red Bull drink and the company says the product is only for those over the age of 18. As such, they have advised wholesalers it should not be sold in shops or supermarkets, but instead to bars and clubs who are happy to stock it. Owner of Simply Drinks, Daniel Evemy, said the drink, which is also available to buy online, is proving popular.

"It is targeted at 18 to 35 year olds with a sense of humour," he said. "There's no cocaine in it – it's 100 per cent legal. Energy drinks are a £1 billion a year industry and we wanted to get in there. We knew we'd be attacked, it's a contentious name, but so was Opium perfume when it was launched.

"I think it's better to talk about these things rather than brush them under the carpet. We're just targeting our market, there's no harm meant by it."

But the launch has angered anti-drug charities. Martin Barnes, chief executive of DrugScope, said: "This is little more than an intentionally provocative, cynical but rather tired marketing stunt. I'm sure most people will see through the branding ploy for what it is, but making light of an illegal drug that can, and does, cause harm isn't helpful or smart."



FIZZING: Simply Cocaine is aimed at the 18-35s



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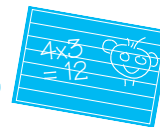
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BREAK TIME



AGREEMENT: Mary Gordon of Connexions, chief executive Gordon Bernard, KCC cabinet member Sarah Hohler and Joanna Wainwright, KCC director of commissioning shake on the deal

Making the right Connexions

THE county council has renewed its contract with the Connexions Partnership Kent and Medway.

As well as providing free impartial and confidential advice, guidance, support and personal development services, Connexions will also incorporate Kent Works, which runs work experience placements for young people.

The new combined service will help 13 to 19 year olds, and those up to 25 who have learning difficulties and disabilities, to succeed in education and training.

Connexions also provides advice on issues such as housing, money, relationships and health community projects, the arts and sport.

KCC Cabinet member for children, families and education Sarah Hohler said: "We

are actively backing Kent people at this time and, for me, it is so important for this to start at a young age to give everyone the best possible start in life and every encouragement to succeed in their chosen career path."

Connexions personal advisers are based in schools, colleges and other community venues.

To find out more go to www.connexionskentandmedway.co.uk.

THE Malawi expedition group at Highworth Grammar School is organising an Africa Night. In preparation for the event the school is running enrichment sessions in October and November.

The group is looking for anyone who has experience in African music or culture. If you can help, contact e.bennett@highworth.kent.sch.uk

College could be the route to your chosen career

SOUTH Kent College is reminding young people who may have had unexpected exam results that there are hundreds of different courses they can do.

The college, which has branches at Jemmett Road (pictured) and the Ashford School of Art and Design, says it offers courses in many subjects that are not available in schools.

College principal, Monica Box, said: "Getting GCSE exam results can be unsettling for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes the results will be better than expected and sometimes they won't be as good as had been hoped for."

"In both of these situations I would advise all young people to think hard about what they want to do, and to get in touch with their local college."

"They will have a wide variety of subjects on offer. Many subjects won't be available at school, and advice will always be on hand to help them to make the right choice."

"Every year I hear lots of young people talk about how worried they are. They feel they might have missed their chances, but that is never the case. No one should worry that it's too late to get to started on something new."

The college says its courses, with highly skilled tutors and lecturers, can open up all kinds of career and education opportunities.

One student, Jacob Hyde, who took a sports



therapy course at South Kent College, will begin studying for a degree at Samk University in Finland this year.

He said: "It's a really good course. If you're interested in sports, the treatment is fascinating, very in-depth. There's quite a bit of written work, but it's mainly practical."

Lots of the courses run at the college can still lead to a university education and many of its students who did not do well at school or in their GCSEs are getting ready to start at their first choice university this year.

The college will be holding its next open day on November 12.

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Gareth Arnold thinks some parents were simply showing their ignorance in the school sheep slaughter row



Surely this lamb chop was a valuable lesson on life

THE debaa-cle over whether an Ashford school's lamb should be given the chop highlights the fact that Britain is still a long way from seeing sense when it comes to the food on our plates.

The likes of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Jamie Oliver almost had me convinced that finally we had lost some of our dangerous and unrealistic sentimentality when it comes to the animals we eat.

But no.

Not for a very small group of parents at Lydd Primary School (and the lovely Mr Paul O'Grady) at least, who have decided that they know best. Fortunately sense prevailed on Monday when the world said 'Goodbye Marcus - hello lamb chops for tea.'

Marcus is of course the sheep at the centre of the farmyard fiasco, hand-reared by the

children on their school farm. A fine animal of famous Romney Marsh stock, who was ready to go for slaughter, providing the meat for which the area has rightly become famous.

The pupils, who raised him seemed to have a more rational grasp of the situation than a couple of parents, despite being aged between seven and 11, and voted to pack him off to the abattoir and sell the meat to buy more lambs.

As these children have obviously learned, this process is called farming. Humans have been doing it for roughly 10,000 years.

You'd think we'd have got used to the concept by now, but some parents are embarrassing themselves and no doubt their offspring by calling for a stay of execution.

Most of the opponenets are, no doubt, people who enjoy their meat just as much as the rest of us, with one rather glaring caveat: they don't want to know where it comes from.

It is this ignorance that has allowed cruel practices like battery farms to flourish. If we don't

know where our meat comes from, we don't care.

And as the old adage goes, out of sight, out of mind. Nowhere is this more evident than Britain's food production methods, and we've paid the price for decades, with substandard meat, BSE, salmonella and one food scare after another.

The children at Lydd will not repeat this mistake if they are allowed to see their hard work come to its logical fruition and slaughter a happy animal they have raised humanely.

They will grow up understanding that meat comes from animals, not factories, and that these animals have lives and must be cared for properly until it is time to eat them.

So, well done to the head teacher for sticking to her guns.

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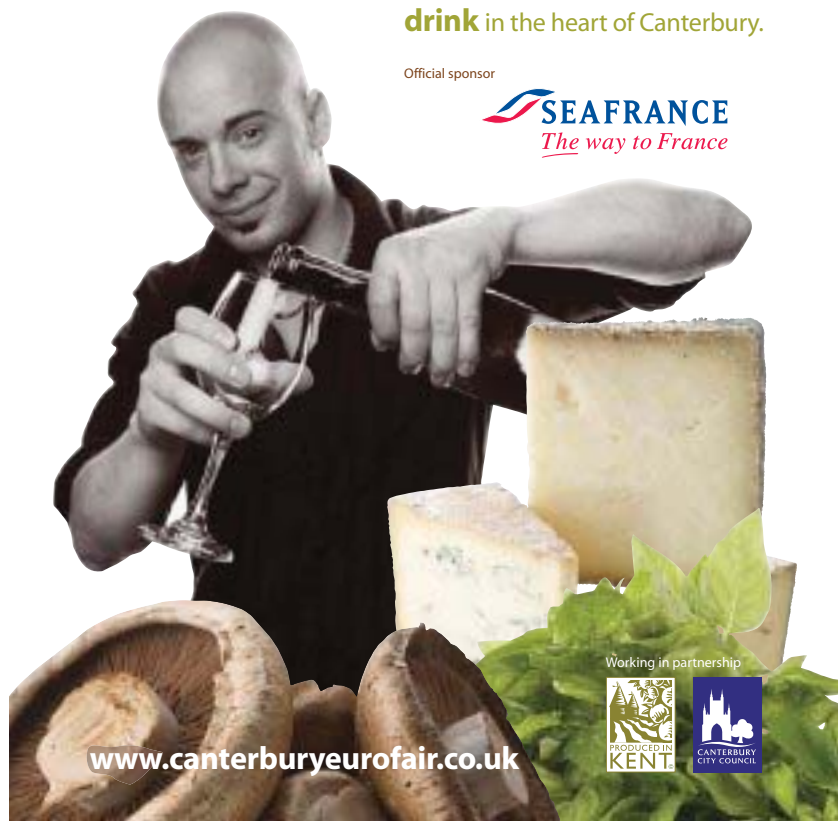
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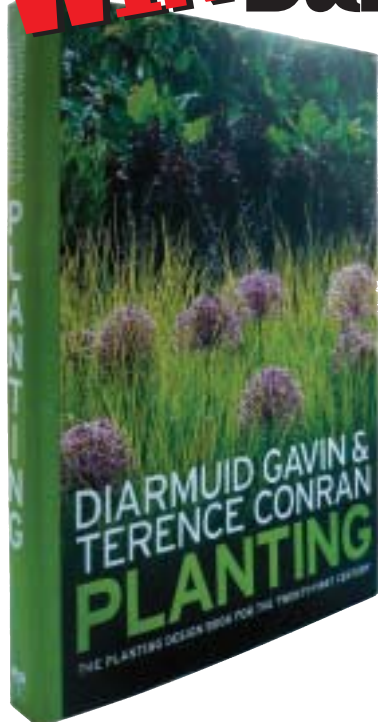
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CELEBRITY garden designer and television presenter Diarmuid Gavin is coming to Kent to launch his new book, *Planting*.

Brought to The Secret Gardens of Sandwich by independent local bookseller The Sandwich Bookshop, the launch will be held in a marquee in the heart of the beautiful Lutyens and Jekyll gardens and will provide an opportunity for visitors to meet Diarmuid and hear him talk about the book.

Following on from the hugely successful *Outdoors*, *Planting* is the ultimate guide to designing and planning a planting scheme for your garden.

Diarmuid Gavin and Sir Terence Conran explore nature's vast palette of plants, where they come from, what grows naturally in which conditions, but most importantly how they are used in the gardens all around the world and how you can use them in your own garden.

With more than 400 stunning photographs, *Planting* is inspiring, imaginative and practical. This is a garden design book

that reflects the unique talents and experience of these two authors.

Diarmuid Gavin's book launch will take place at The Secret Gardens of Sandwich on Saturday, October 3. The marquee will open at 2pm, with the event itself starting at 2.30pm. Tickets are £12 or £10 for season ticket holders (includes garden entry).

For more information about the beautiful venue or to book tickets to the launch see www.the-secretgardens.co.uk.

We have six *Planting* books signed by the pair to give away.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Diarmuid Gavin Book Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. The closing date is September 30, 2009.

Question: Where is the book launch being held?

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TALK TIME

MARK PARRY

Mark Parry from the homeless charity Porchlight which runs the Simon Mead hostel in Ashford



Can you tell me a bit about Porchlight?

It's our 35th anniversary this year. The charity was founded in 1974 as Canterbury Cyrenians and now has over 100 employees working Kent-wide to support vulnerable and homeless people. Last year we helped more than 1,600 people change their lives for the better, and we are currently working with 500 people at any one time.

The charity provides three main services in the county; outreach, supported accommodation and homelessness prevention.

A lot has changed in the last 35 years and not least the ways in which we can interact with our supporters. We recently launched a Facebook page and YouTube channel allowing us to give instant updates about events, news and fundraising.

What services do you run in Ashford?

Simon Mead House accommodates 11 men, aged between 18-65 years old. It is staffed by a team of support and resettlement workers. We offer a six-month assured shortlet tenancy that can be extended.

Each tenant is assigned a keyworker, and together they develop a support plan. Referral into more specialist services where necessary.

Staff also work with the council and landlords to help people move on to permanent.

We also run a weekly drop-in service at the Ashford Gateway every Tuesday.

The Porchlight Outreach Service can also be contacted via the freephone helpline 0800 567 7699.

YOUR LETTERS



Take my advice and listen to reason

I HOPE Ashford council listens to the gypsy and traveller community in their calls for more permanent sites.

Temporary sites cause no end of trouble, and increase enmity between the gypsy and traveller community and other people living in the district, and this bad feeling is not helpful for anyone.

If there are enough designated sites, these conflicts could be avoided and bridges could be built, instead of everyone viewing each other with suspicion.

Yet like most councils, Ashford has rejected the Government's advice.

Ignoring advice seems to be a running theme for this council. On the facing page there is a story about members ignoring warnings about their impending overspend.

Maybe one day they will actually take notice of something and we'll see some results.

Adam Bancroft
Ashford



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Arts festival a real boost to our town

I REALLY enjoyed the Arts and Architecture Festival.

It was good to see so much going on around the town, and to have so much creativity on display.

I hope more events such as this can be put on to improve our sense of community.

Mrs R Stephens, Ashford.



Hospital well run and very efficient

I WAS very impressed during a visit to the William Harvey Hospital last week. I was seen very promptly by the consultant, who was efficient, friendly and polite.

But he told me I had to have several tests that morning, and I must admit that my heart sunk and I assumed I'd be there all day.

I even phoned my boss and broke the news that I might not be in until late.

But I was pleasantly surprised. Despite having to visit three separate departments one after the other, I encountered the same speed, efficiency and politeness in each, and was in the hospital for a total of two hours.

I left with the impression that the William Harvey Hospital is well run, with excellent staff who take pride in their work and the impression they give to patients.

Dominic Greenwood
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Criminals only ones to blame for CCTV

MARTIN Stevens is directing his disapproval at the wrong target in regard to Britain's CCTV proliferation.

It is not our Government, police force, councils and businesses he should be castigating for monitoring innocent people's movements as they go about their daily lives, but the multitude of criminals in our midst who make camera surveillance so necessary.

Law-abiding citizens and company merchandise have got to be protected somehow, and CCTV observation has proved mightily effective in the fight against crime.

Martin Stevens expresses undue concern about where the footage of our movements will go and who will

be viewing it. If someone with malicious intent got hold of a film of me on an average day, that person would have great difficulty doing anything illicit with riveting footage showing me walking along the street, shopping or having lunch.

This routine of uneventful mundanity surely applies to most of us when we are out and about.



It is the individuals who are up to no good who need to beware, as they will be the ones having their every move tracked, scrutinised, analysed and used in evidence against them.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler

Career opportunity for the unsavoury?

I WAS intrigued by your page five

article. Is there really a national shortage of training for body guards? Who would have thought? I wonder who the courses are going to attract. While many of the trainers seems to be ex police or military, I can't help thinking some less savoury characters might want to get involved. Is there any kind of vetting process I wonder?

Collin Endicott
Ashford

We're no angels, but we're not all jobs

I'M fed up with reading about how booze culture is taking over our towns etcetera etcetera.

As a young, yet responsible drinker, who enjoys going out with my largely responsible friends, I can't help thinking we are being victimised for clogging up A&E departments, fighting, wasting police time, vomiting on doorsteps etc.

I've never ended up in A&E. Never had a fight. Never spoken to a policeman past a simple 'hello'.

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REGGAE has a lot to answer for.

I appreciate the genre has spawned such greats as Bob Marley and Jimmy Cliff, but that's reggae in its purest and truest form.

The 'reggae' I despise comes in the form of the early to mid-90s pop adaptation.

Think muscle-clad singer turned reality TV star and recent divorcee Peter Andre, chart-topping duo Chaka Demus and Pliers and Shabba Ranks.

All three should be tried for crimes against reggae.

But while the genre has given birth to countless more questionable 'reggae stars'— Sean Paul anyone? — it has also given the world a host of ground-breaking and influential bands.

The likes of The Specials, Madness and The Police all based their sound on solid reggae roots.

And the sub-genres they helped create — such as 2 tone, ska and dub — continue to inspire.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

One of the leading reggae-rooted outfits playing today are the London-based Dub Pistols, providers of top quality dub and big beat tracks.

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LOTF and Farmhouse promoter Matt Gough said: "Long-term friend of the Lounge crew Barry Ashworth heads up his band of merry men Dub Pistols for a return visit to Canterbury.

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The attractions include displays by top flyers from as far afield as New Zealand and Australia, keen to demonstrate their agility and skill. Pedro and Esteban Gonzales will be bringing some of Spain's warmth to Kent with their soft inflatable kites depicting suns and devils, while world-renowned Kiwi kite maker, Peter Lynn, shows off his cats, trilobites and manta rays. Kite designer Robert van Weers will also travel from New Zealand to exhibit his collection of soft kite animals, from fish to monkeys.

Belgium is represented by innovative designer, Jos Valcke, Team True Colours with their distinctive mix of soft kites and Team Atomic, whose collection includes Paddington Bear and huge octopuses. Holland's Kite Team will be making a splash with their giant champagne bottle, while fellow Dutchman Jan van Leeuwen presents his school bus and Janneke Groen impresses with her complex appliqué kites.

Father and son team,

BIG SKY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

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Sunday, September 20
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Bernard Dingworth and kite colleague Jan Nelkenbrecher, from Germany, exhibit their soft seal, salamander and appliqué kites. Jan will be sharing the sands with fellow Germans Walter, Conny and Stefan Bloom who visit the UK for the first time with their large inflatable characters, such as Asterix and Spider Bear.

With workshops, stalls and other attractions on offer, visitors can simply enjoy the spectacle or buy their own kite and send it soaring into the skies. The event runs from 10am to 5pm.

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He is also a gifted writer, having penned Phoenix Nights with co-star Peter Kay and the comic's previous series, That Peter Kay Thing, along with his own solo projects. But many people might not be aware that he has a background in healthcare, having worked as a biomedical scientist for more than 25 years. He had been enjoying comedy success for about 10 years before deciding to give up the day job and he is determined to continue promoting the nation's health by encouraging people to laugh.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



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The Star will be Live 'n' Kickin on Friday night

CLASSIC rock is interspersed with contemporary hits when Live 'n' Kickin' perform.

The five-piece plays cover versions of songs by bands like Green Day, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Kaiser Chiefs with some golden oldies thrown in. Find out more at www.livenkickin.co.uk. Live 'n' Kickin' will perform at The Star in East Hill, Ashford, on Friday.

You'll go bananas with soul and R&B sounds

GO wild for R&B when Bitten By Monkeys perform near Ashford this weekend.

The six-piece rock, soul and R&B band formed in 2007, have worked together on previous projects. See them at www.myspace.com/bittenbymonkeys-2008. They will perform at the Woolpack Inn, Church Road, Smeeth, 9.30pm, Saturday. Call the pub on 01303 812196.

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The event runs from 9am to 5pm in the centre mall. For more information about the centre visit www.countysquashoppingcentre.com.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

WATCHDOG
BBC One, 8pm, Thursday
JAMIE'S AMERICAN ROAD TRIP
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THE much-heralded return of newly face-lifted Anne Robinson on the revamped Watchdog had to be worth a look.

Lynn Olds Wood was put out to pasture years ago and most of us thought the show should have been too.

As the presenters rightly told us, internet blog sites put the power in the hands of the consumer when it comes to complaining.

So what's the point of Watchdog?

None at all on this first outing.

A comparison of cheap children's school uniforms concluded that whether it's Tesco, Asda, M&S or Sainsbury, for under a fiver you can't really go wrong.

So what if the polo shirts shrink a bit, just buy the next size up.

And Rogue Trader presenter Matt Allwright – a wannabe Roger Cooke who races to confront the conmen on the back seat of motorcycle – trained his sights on a mildly aggressive salesman of beds which claim to make you look younger.

Since Rogue Trader had 'sorted' him four years ago, but he's still working, it was a pretty lame start.

I found myself mentally applauding the salesman's handling of his car park confrontation with Matt and his TWO camera crews.

Perhaps the Beeb should consider a new show where viewers can complain about over-hyped telly programmes.

I'd report Watchdog.

YOU can't keep Jamie Oliver off the box. Every year he returns with a new show, with results of varying quality.

Following Jamie at Home, he has



NEW LOOK: Anne Robinson back on Watchdog

flipped the script completely and documented a cook's road trip across America.

In the last episode he went off to live with the cowboys in Wyoming which ended up with a lot of Dutch oven cooking and the wearing of bad hats.

The finest moment was when he tried out the pitchfork fondues, which is basically sticking a steak thicker than a car tyre it into a vat of ruddy hot fat and eating it as soon as it's been partially incinerated.

This was true heart attack food.

Shows like this only ever work if the star really throws themselves into matters and by eating Rocky Mountain oysters (that's bull's balls to you and I), you cannot accuse him of wimping out. Things did seem to go a bit Brokeback Mountain when he couldn't seem to stop talking about his cowboy mentor Hip with a glimmer in his eye, though.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR love life has seen better days. Part of the problem is you have distinctly different values than those of your partner. The two of you need to work to find common ground. If you're single, you need to start hanging out places centred around your favourite activities.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A LACK of romantic opportunities is making you blue. You're the type who lives for love. Instead of dwelling on your disappointment, find a creative outlet. Usually, you opt for hands on arts and crafts. This time around, you could be inspired to take up a technical form of expression.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

FINANCIAL setbacks are cutting into your personal life. It's hard to relax and enjoy yourself when you're constantly worried about paying bills. You need to get comfortable with living in reduced circumstances. You can live without luxuries, but not without affection.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

AN older friend may not approve of your plans. Trying to win their approval really gets on your nerves because you have very different styles, especially when it comes to romance. You crave intense, all encompassing relationships, they prefer to take things slowly.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THE pressures of an intimate relationship may be too. You'd rather spread your wings and fly than stay where you are under a cloud of emotional anxiety. Unfortunately, it looks as though your amour will take the news hard. The best thing you can do is to stay out of their way.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)

AN old-fashioned friend or relative seems determined to quench your spirit. You want to take a risky career course, but they keep talking about financial security. Actually, these warnings are well timed. It's all well to pursue your dreams, but it always helps to have a back up plan.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

UNCERTAINTY is putting a damper on a close relationship. You're attracted to a free spirit, but can't help but worry over their behaviour. At some point, you need to let them follow their impulses or your attentions will get claustrophobic and your union will fall apart.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

CAREER responsibilities stop you saying what you really feel. This is really difficult, as you value honesty above all else. Still, you have to remember there are others who rely on your discretion. Lashing out at an ill-tempered client could result in people losing their jobs.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU long to leave a demanding job, if only to get a little more free time. Unfortunately, you need the work more than you need a break. Keep your shoulder to the grind. There will be time to relax later. Use your income to pay off a bill that's been weighing on your shoulders.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

ALL the will in the world can't help you master a complicated skill. It looks as though you'll have to call a professional. Although you hate spending money on work you could ostensibly do yourself, do it anyway. Family matters are spiralling out of control.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IS fear of being alone making you put up with an unhealthy situation? However, you owe it to yourself to break free. Yes, this will involve a period of uncertainty, but that's better than staying where you are. A new acquaintance will make their way into your life.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THE old ways are not necessarily best, but your boss can't see it. You could be forced to work with outmoded machinery or antiquated systems. Maybe it would be best to find a more challenging position. Staying where you are means your skills will gradually become outdated.

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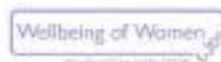
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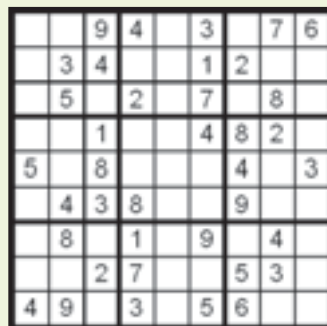
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- 1 Chum turned on first excessively (8)
- 6 Regulate our time - that's fair (6)
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- 10 Artist clothed in outdoor wear (8)
- 11 Project a shaky fit of hysterics? (5,1,6)
- 13 Sound of frog coming from a rock (5)
- 14 Thrusting oneself in violently into ruins (9)
- 17 Soup containing eggs? (5-4)
- 19 Subdue that Parisian Lord Lieutenant (5)
- 21 Asking for the mysterious playing-card (4,2,6)
- 24 See Liz in turmoil about rating, it's fairly large (8)
- 25 Fool with explosive makes for cover (6)
- 26 Decisive moment at highest point (6)
- 27 Involving love that's imaginary (8)

ACROSS

- 2 Old stringed instrument or two-thirds of another (4)
- 3 Most reliable place most people hold a pencil (5-4)
- 4 Part of group turned out to be an improvement (6)
- 5 Succeeded with toil and difficulty although had worn badly (4-3)
- 6 To a certain extent, so to speak (2,2,4)
- 7 Twin sheep (5)
- 8 Ours is a minor planet it is sometimes said (5,5)
- 12 Unnatural plastic (10)
- 15 Oops! Pun so clumsy about item of cutlery (9)
- 16 Non-smoker's case? (8)
- 18 Grizzly female perhaps (3-4)
- 20 Marched off, not east, for old Greek coin (6)
- 22 In the jungle a momentary faint glow (5)
- 23 Easterner had some unkempt hair (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Large plane (5,3)
- 6 Ocular (6)
- 9 Leg jewellery (6)
- 10 French emperor (8)
- 11 Overstatement (12)
- 13 Demand (5)
- 14 Stopped flow of blood (9)
- 17 Bad language (5-4)
- 19 Compass (5)
- 21 Bunch of herbs (7,5)
- 24 Painstaking (8)
- 25 Result (anag.) (6)
- 26 Even if (6)
- 27 Lawyer (8)

DOWN

- 2 Bone in arm (4)
- 3 Dancer (9)
- 4 Exhaustion after a long flight (6)
- 5 This evening (7)
- 6 Insubstantial (8)
- 7 Cleavage (5)
- 8 Sorry (10)
- 12 Much less quickly than normal (4-6)
- 15 Old Soviet head of govt. dept. (9)
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of the tree 17 Wind of change 21 Quaker
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Umbrage 27 Eyedrop. DOWN: 2 Roll-on 3
Subjected 4 Long hop 6 Unlatch 7 Baste 8
Skin-deep 11 Out of the way 15 The Lizard
16 Viburnum 18 Foreleg 19 Next day 20
Shinto 22 Khmer.

QUICK SOLUTION No105

ACROSS: 1 Jumbo jet 6 Visual 9 Andlet
10 Napoleon 11 Exaggeration 13 Claim
14 Statuette 17 Swear-word 19 Ambit
21 Bouquet garni 24 Diligent 25 Rustle
26 Unless 27 Attorney. DOWN: 2 Ulna
3 Balleina 4 Jetlag 5 Tonight 6 Vaporous
7 Spit 8 Apologetic 12 Slow-motion 15
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Answers to all of this week's quizzes can be found on our website



A feast for the senses in the Alps

■ BY RICHARD JONES

MANY British hikers take the easy option and stay near home for walking holidays.

But the alpine landscape of Austria, only a two-hour flight from many UK airports, is a great alternative – and a welcome escape from British traffic jams and windswept beaches.

There's much more to Austria than The Sound of Music and Mozart – and perhaps you can discover more of it in summer and autumn than as a skier in winter.

The standard holiday formula has probably changed little since the 1930s: you walk, relish the fresh air and discover the charms of small family-run hotels, with none of the crowds which cram Europe's cities and coastlines.

We started in the small, picturesque village of Maria Alm one Saturday evening, where the Hotel Niederreiter was hosting polka band Niki and the Oberkrainer on stage, along with Tyrol's answer to Frank Carson – who told family anecdotes and mother-in-law jokes.

As I tucked into my Wiener Schnitzel and a few local Stiegl beers, I was impressed by the warmth of the atmosphere.

I also downed what would be the first of many shots of apricot schnapps on the trip, a tipple that I was told helped the digestive process – not to mention sending you to sleep.

Next morning, our group met Barbara, our local walking guide for the day, before strapping on new day-packs.

Like most Brits, we feared bad weather – Austria is two-thirds mountains, and its weather changes in an instant.

Nevertheless, rain stayed away as we took the Dorf Jet gondola, which carries skiers up the slopes in winter.

From the peak we had a spectacular view of



WALKING VIEWS: A hiking trip is a great way to see Austrian Alps, and it also helps to burn off the calories

the valley and Maria Alm, and then we hiked steadily through forests and down to the meadows.

There was so much to see in the woods, with activity boards every 100 metres or so detailing vegetation and wildlife.

Barbara explained the summer programme in the region, when children tackle go-kart racing, pony-trekking, clay-modelling or mini-golf.

Five hours after setting off from Maria Alm we reached our destination, the village of Hinterthal.

Here we had time to enjoy the spa at the Family and Sporthotel Marco Polo before dinner in the hotel's Wintergarten restaurant, when the chef rustled up local delicacy Salzburger Nockerl – a sort of pancake and strawberry-based dessert.

We had to keep walking to work off the calories. By day three, the autumnal rain began to fall as sleet in the valley and snow on the peaks.

Our group agreed there was no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes. We threw on waterproofs for another day's hiking.

Our departure point this time was the sleepy town of Dienten. Our guide Heinz began with a tour of the town, with its resplendent flower house and historic St Nikolaus church.

Heinz, a retired man, set a cracking pace. By lunchtime we had reached a height of 1,550 metres, and stopped off at the Pichlalm mountain hut for a welcome bowl of goulash soup, another local dessert called Kaiserslaute, plus the obligatory shot of schnapps and a mug of tea with rum.

The proprietor kindly added a spot of accom-

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Language	German
Population	8.2 million
Currency	£1 = 1.14 euros
Religion	Roman Catholic

Travel details

Richard Jones was a guest of Thomson Lakes & Mountains, which offers 'Walking Without Luggage' tours in the Hochkonig region of Austria from £648 this summer, including 10 or 11 nights' half-board, return flights ex-Gatwick, transfers, luggage transfers between guest houses, walking map and directions and walking pin.

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dion music and yodelling, before we headed off through the rocky gorges and clouds in the afternoon.

Our hotel that night, the Hotel Ubergossene Alm (Flooded Alpine Meadow) was something special and served up a five-course dinner.

First thing next morning, I decided to go for a swim; and as I lay in the heated whirlpool, large flakes of snow were falling all around.

For the final excursion, our guide Ernst led us across the ravines near Muhlbach to the snow slopes at the bottom of the Hochkonig.

Lunch was another feast: we witnessed a local woman making her own cheese, as well as sampling farm produce including cider, bacon, fresh bread and berries.

This trip was a gastronomic journey as much as a walking holiday, and a paradise for food and drink lovers keen to try something new.

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PROPERTY NEWS

How far would you go to keep your property?

HOMEOWNERS are keen to take extra measures to ensure they keep their homes, but only a few have adequate insurance cover if they lose their job, according to recent research.

Opinium Research carried out an online poll of 2,007 British adults for insurance provider LV, which found that more than half of homeowners – 51 per cent – would take a second job to hold on to their home while more than four in ten – 43 per cent – would withdraw some or all of their life savings to make ends meet.

Almost a third would even be prepared to sell off the family silver.

But only one in ten said they had adequate insurance to pay their mortgage as well as other household bills over the long term, if they were to lose their job.

One in five homeowners would be prepared to take in a lodger to help pay the mortgage and almost as many would rather go cap in hand to friends than give up their property.

Expert advice can help you through 'mortgage maze'

ONE in four first-time buyers have said they would never choose a mortgage without expert guidance, according to a survey by consumer advice website Unbiased.

The same study reported the number of internet searches for "find a mortgage adviser" increased 133 per cent between the beginning of 2009 and the last quarter of 2008. David Elms, chief executive of the company which runs the site, said seeking a professional insight was the way to come out of the "mortgage maze" a winner.

The company also revealed 23 per cent of potential homeowners feel so puzzled by the procedures that they experience a loss of confidence.

Rush to buy as stamp duty holiday nears end

THE stamp duty holiday, which has saved property buyers thousands of pounds in taxes, is to cease at the end of the year.

The break frees buyers of an obligation to pay stamp duty on a purchase under £175,000.

The move re-ignited interest in the flagging housing market during the downturn, and the discount, worth as much as £1,750, can be a big help to some buyers.

L&C Mortgages is encouraging those looking to purchase a home to act now, if possible.

"House purchases can take months to complete, so it is make-your-mind-up time if you are considering buying a property," said L&C's head of communications, David Hollingworth.

He continued: "With house prices now holding up more strongly and in some cases rising, the stamp duty holiday will act as a greater incentive as the deadline approaches."

There has been speculation that the Government will extend the deal to further boost the mortgage market.

In recent months, there have been an increased number of mortgage agreements for first-time buyers and prices have seen a slight upturn.

"It would be nice to leave it at the current level. It would benefit the market," said Peter O'Donovan, head of mortgages at BestInvest.

"If they do change it, hopefully they will tier it properly so everyone ends up paying an equal value," he added.

Currently, stamp duty is divided into tiers from under £175,000, between £175,000 and £250,000, between £250,000 and £500,000, and above £500,000. The rates are zero, one, three and four per cent respectively.

Members of the property and mortgage industries have long called on the Government for a fairer system of stamp duty, where fixed thresholds are replaced with a more fluid set of charges, thus preventing artificial price levels at each stamp duty threshold.

Any changes – or an extension to the stamp duty holiday – would come in the Chancellor's pre-budget report expected this autumn.



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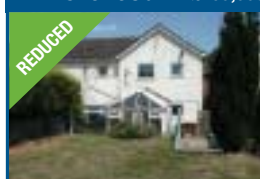


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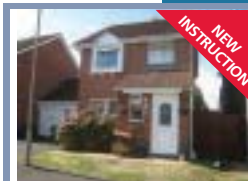
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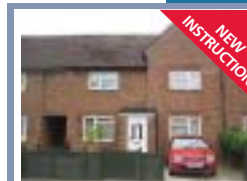
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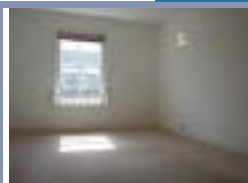
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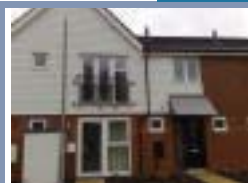
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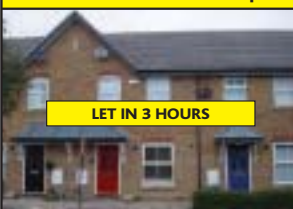


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But at least this pristine 36,000-mile 1958 Morris Minor escaped the squeeze after its owner traded it for a £6,000 discount on a Hyundai Coupé at Gatwick Hyundai. The dealer realised the Minor was too young to die, but cannot now legally be driven on the road, so they have offered it free to any organisation with a worthy 'proposal'.



Qubo liberated by add-ons and extra traction

FIAT is just one of three brands who offer an identical new small van-based MPV, but the Italian marque has come up with a point of difference for its Qubo version. It's the Qubo Trekking costing £12,650 which, as the name implies, is a rufy tufty spin-off with rugged add-ons and mud and snow tyres.

But it's not all cosmetics; there is also a Traction+ electronic differential lock for the front driving wheels to improve handling and control in mud, snow and other low-grip conditions.



Peugeot's auto that now thinks it's manual

TWIN clutches are revolutionising the way we think about automatics.

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Peugeot has now added a six-speed dual-clutch or 'DCS' option to its classy 4007 5-7-seat 4x4/SUV as part of the new 156bhp 2.2-litre HDi FAP diesel powertrain, which can average nearly 40mpg. The new DCS model is part of a revamped 4007 line-up that starts from £23,345.



LOOKING GOOD: The newest version of Nissan's Qashqai +2 n-tec now has a third row of seats and has been rebuilt from windscreen pillar to tailgate, making the car longer

'Nice Nissan' shows that it's really very interesting

SNOOKER star Steve Davies was dubbed 'Interesting' by 80s TV show Spitting Image at a time when snooker dominated TV ratings.

The barb was drawn by Davis's metronomic success when many fans preferred the flamboyance of players like Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins.

Had Spitting Image endured though – and what fun it would have today, Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling – 'Nice Nissan' could have been a target.

Known for reliable and, well, ordinary cars – it was the Davis, not the Higgins of 'carbiz'.

Until the Qashqai arrived in 2007, that is, hustled in by a name like an explosive sneeze and blowing Nice Nissan way into the past.

I've been driving the newest version, a Qashqai +2 n-tec. Translated from Qashqai-speak – for the name comes from a nomadic Iranian people – that means two extra seats in the back and lots of extra media 'tech'.

To accommodate the third row of seats the original five-seater has been rebuilt from windscreen pillar to tailgate, making the car longer and taller without affecting the Qashqai's bullish

ROAD TEST NISSAN QASHQAI

BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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Green rating	★★★★★

grace, enhanced by a smarter grille on the +2.

But the quasi-4x4 or 'crossover' styling is only part of the reason why the Qashqai is Nissan's most successful European launch ever and why – until the recession – we seemed to get weekly bulletins on increased production at the company's Sunderland UK plant.

The car's width of appeal is another factor; it was designed to sweep away three existing 'nice' models – the Almera family hatch and its Tino MPV spin-off, plus the Primera family model.

With the +2 it now also attacks Vauxhall's sector leading Zafira seven-seat mid-MPV and mounts a convincing argument, with far more visual impact and a huge load compartment with all rear seats fully folded.

And then there is the car's handling; for a high-riding vehicle, the Qashqai is outstanding and even this stretched version is lively even though the 100bhp 1.5-litre diesel – the best choice for the five-seater – is a bit stretched here.

Qashqai +2 prices start at a tempting £15,600. Upmarket n-tec spec brings and impressive in-car comms package of sat nav, full mobile phone connectivity and the 'Nissan Connect' sound system with USB/iPod link. The 1.5dCi version tested here is £20,200.



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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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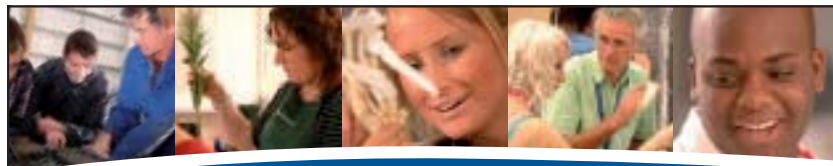
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Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ①

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Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTm white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 884331 ①

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Tall curvy, cuddly female, 32, brunette with green eyes, seeks tall, white, attractive, easygoing male for fun and possible LTR. Chatham Box 874763 ①

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31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTm cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879331 ① ②

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Loving lady female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

GOOD LUCK CHARM
Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, wltm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 ①

HORSES FOR COURSES...
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!
Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek! 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ① ②

HAPPY DAYS!
Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ① ②

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...
Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

SOUND GOOD?
Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 ①

SEALED WITH A KISS
Pettie lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wineing and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET
Single mum, 36, from Rochester, young-looking, loyal, caring and genuine, gosh, loves dancing, seeking an honest guy, 30-44, for a committed relationship. Box 457602 ①

STARRY NIGHTS
Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

SOMETHING LASTING
Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halsham Box 455221 ①

BE MINE
Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, Maidstone. Box 456153 ①

GALLOP AHEAD!
Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 ① ②

LOVE TO LOVE YOU
Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ①



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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 ①

CUTE AS CAN BE
Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

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Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ①

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A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873458 ①

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE
Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ① ②

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Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 ①

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Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?
Shy but confident-once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE
Single mother, recently separated, 41, 5ft9, slim, blonde/blue eyes. WLTm fun loving man with GSOH, someone honest and genuine. I love cooking, cycling, outdoors. Folkestone. Box 457913 ①

JOINED AT THE HIP
Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 ① ②

BELLA ISABEL
Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving. WLTm a gent to socialise with, Tunbridge Wells Box 878250 ① ②

LET'S DATE!
Hard-working woman, 42, WLTm a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327 ①

LOVE IS ALL AROUND
Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 ①

HELLO EVERYONE!
Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

LIFE IS GIVING LOVE A GUARANTEE
Down-to-earth lady, 42, sincere, honest and reliable, looking for a male for friendship first, going out, enjoying evenings and perhaps something more later on. Box 449712 ①

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Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447496 ①

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 453048 ①

ACTIVE TYPE
Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun, mixed race/black gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819 ① ②

TALL ORDER
Curvy lady, 5ft9, 43yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes. I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456020 ①

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Maidstone lady, 65, seeking man for friendship, maybe more. I'm 5ft4 and have dark blonde hair. I enjoy cooking, and nights in/out. Box 457594 ①

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Young looking 72yr old female, slim, with blonde hair/blue eyes. I'd like to share my social life with like minded gent. I like country pubs. Box 457491 ①

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Sincere female, 49, likes football, animals, country pubs, seeks feminine woman for friendship, maybe more. Gillingham Box 456805 ①

HOMELY SORT
Hello there, I'm looking for a kind, gentle partner, a homely woman, with GSOH. I'm female, 56, and enjoy cinema, reading, antiques, gardening, music. Eastbourne. Box 451409 ①

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GSOH, honest, romantic and reliable woman, 45, dark blonde hair/blue eyes. WLTm honest and reliable man 40-55. I like reading, cooking, walks, theatre, animals. Box 457521 ①

STARTING OVER
Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ① ②

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY
Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 ①

RELIGHT MY FIRE
Young professional widow, 46, own home, tall, attractive, green eyes/fair hair, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a fun-loving romantic guy. Box 876575 ①

FROM THIS MOMENT
Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, - 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

HEART AND SOUL
Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

MY PRINCE?
Not just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872961 ①

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

HELP ME OPEN UP
Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, WLTm male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585 ①

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Two bubbly divorced ladies, 49 and 50, looking for two normal divorced guys, early 50s, for happy times and romance. East Sussex Box 456876 ①

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 429592 ①

ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?
Young 48 year old loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089 ① ②

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 471100 ①

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LOVELY BUBBLY
Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

BRING ME TO LIFE
Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 ①

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?
Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448663 ① ②

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642 ①

GREETINGS!
Canterbury Lady, 56 seeking special genuine, fun loving gent, 50-60, to enjoy life with and share interests such as walking, cinema, theatre, dining out, holidays. Box 873039 ①

ANIMAL LOVER
Attractive lady, non-smoker, aged 57, GSOH, I enjoy eating in/out, seeing friends, theatre, animals, and WLTm similar, non-smoking male. Box 452498 ①

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 ①

TIME TO LOVE
Slim and active woman, 57, 5ft2, brown hair/green eyes, likes walking, riding, POI, animals, seeking a non-smoking genuine gent for a meaningful relationship. Rochester Box 456773 ①

WALKS ALONG THE COAST
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...
Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 443682 ①

TALL ORDER
Attractive female, 60's, with a young outlook on life, slim build, likes animals, walking, meals, looking for a tall man for friendship, possible LTR. Hastings. Box 456604 ①

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG
Intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/active, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, uncomplicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first. Box 434345 ①

FRIENDS FIRST
Caring, understanding chap, 40, 5ft7, blue eyes/blond hair, slim/average build. I'm easygoing and relaxed, like travel, music, film, restaurants, theatre, days out, badminton. Box 451361 ①

LOVE MED DO
Brown-eyed man, 40, likes playing darts, WLTm bubbly, fun to be with lady to go on dates with and get to know better. Dover Box 456129 ①

DO I ATTRACT YOU?
Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hurlton Box 457738 ①

FANCY A DRINK?
Outgoing outdoors male, 40, 5ft11, medium build, brown hair, loves the countryside, adventure and travelling, seeks similar female for romance and more. Box 451995 ①

DON'T HESITATE
Hello I'm Mark, 58' tall brown hair and eyes very fit. Love fun in any form you can think of. Box 452898 ①

ONE STEP CLOSER
Truthful male, 43, 5ft8, brown hair/eyes, medium build, own house, enjoys most things, seeks loving woman. Brighton Box 455722 ①



MEN seeking women

I'M THE ONE!

Kind, generous and caring bloke, 31, from Folkestone, 6ft4, large build, blue eyes, enjoy socialising, cinema, eatings out, sport, seeking a like-minded girl for LTR. Box 455527 ①

A BIT SHY...
Passionate male, 33, GSOH, likes cycling, staying fit, travel, holidays, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking with and take on dates. Box 455801 ①

MANY INTERESTS
Ashford based man, I'm 35, and enjoy music, walking, dogs, biking. WLTm female for friendship, maybe relationship. Box 457220 ①

INTERESTED?
Easygoing, genuine male, 36, 5ft8, dark hair, medium build/cuddly. I like cinema, pubs, walks. Would love to hear from you! Box 452537 ①

I'M YOUR MAN
Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, looking for a easygoing female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 ①

GENUINE
Easygoing male, 36, 6ft, large build, 1 daughter, likes fishing, motorbike, going out, with friendly female to share good times with. Box 161234 ①

OUTGOING
friendly male, 35, 6ft, likes fishing, wltm easygoing female, to enjoy life. Box 185091 ①

CHEEKY SOH
Unconventional, independent, successful, fun guy, 39, hazel eyes, no ties, like motorbikes, holidays, theme parks, looking for a younger, career female for lasting relationship. Ashford Box 455647 ①

VERY LOVING AND LOYAL
Jason, 39, 6ft, dark hair, smart, average looks, single dad, recently separated, would love to meet single man for hopeful relationship. Box 457340 ①

AMP OUT
39 year old male into rock, music, gigs, pubs clubs and everything, looking for a single lady, someone special. St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 456408 ①

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS
Ambitious 38yr old builder, down-to-earth, broad-shouldered, slim, athletic, likes restaurants, travel, wine bars, clothes, seeks similar caring confident girl for love. Box 448003 ①

SOUL TO SOUL
Looking for My Miss Right! I'm male, 51, GSOH, seeking suit mate to share life with. Box 455256 ①

EBONY & IVORY
White male of 51, seeks a nice black lady 40+ who likes eating in/out, likes walks, music and more. Canterbury. Box 454981 ①

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FATIGUE: Lisa Dobriskey finished eighth in Greece

ATHLETICS

Tired Lisa lacks Greece lightning

LISA Dobriskey admitted to feeling jaded following a disappointing showing at the World Athletics final in Greece last weekend.

The 25-year-old from Ashford finished eighth in the 1500 metres at the final big track event of the season on Saturday. She was caught out in a slow tactical race and was too far down the field to attack when the kick came on the final lap in a race won by Kenya's Nancy Jebet Langat.

Dobriskey, who came back from injury to win a silver medal at the World Athletics Championships and run a personal best in recent weeks, felt it was one race too far.

She said afterwards: "My legs had gone. I just felt really heavy and I had a slight quad strain last week so I wasn't sure whether to race. I thought I'd give it a go but the legs just weren't there."

Although the track season is over for Dobriskey, she must wait slightly longer before taking a well-earned rest. This weekend she is in Newcastle to defend the Great North Mile she won last year.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to it, I love running there so I'm really excited."

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ERRORS: Leon Camier's mistakes in race one at Croft cost the Ashford-born rider the chance of clinching the British Superbike Championship title at the weekend

Picture NICK DUNGAN

Rare lapse leaves Leon waiting for title victory

SUPERBIKES

■ BY TOM HOWARD

LEON Camier missed the chance to wrap up the British Superbike Championship title despite clinching his 16th win of the season at Croft.

The 23-year-old could have clinched his maiden British Superbike title at the North Yorkshire circuit, but only if rival and team mate James Ellison struggled to score any points.

After dominating free practice and qualifying, it was Camier who struggled in race one, following a couple of rare errors from the

Ashford man. His race began with a poor start from pole position, which saw him enter the first corner in seventh place.

In a bid to get back to the front of the pack, Camier ran horribly wide while trying an audacious overtaking move and he came close to riding into a ditch.

The trip across the grass cost him time and saw Camier relegated to the back of the field. The championship leader showed his class by racing back up to sixth place at the chequered flag.

Stuart Easton won the race from Ellison which all but ended Camier's hopes of clinching the title with two meetings to spare.

Normal service was resumed in the second race as he dominated to clinch victory and with it his 16th win of the season. The win also clinched the manufacturer and team champi-

onship for Airwaves Yamaha.

Camier said: "The mistake in the first race was 100 per cent my fault. I was pushing too hard to get past and was 16kph faster than I should have been."

"Once I got back on track I got my head down and tried to work my way through the field. It was pretty tough to pass out there so I'm pleased to have got as high as I did and get some more points for Airwaves Yamaha."

"I got an okay start to race two, for a change. From there everything went to plan."

"We now have the manufacturer and team title, so it is just down to me to hopefully finish the job and wrap the title up at Silverstone in two week's time."

Camier will take a 99.5-point lead into the next round of the series at Silverstone on September 27.

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Town dumped out of cup after mad last ten minutes

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Leatherhead 2

Elston 84, Nyang 87

Ashford Town 0

TWO goals in the final ten minutes brought about a swift end to Ashford Town's run in the FA Cup this season.

Steve Lovell's side found clear cut chances hard to come by in the game, but with a replay in reach, Leatherhead scored two controversial goals to end Ashford's FA Cup hopes.

Lovell told Yourashford: "In all honesty it wasn't a very good game and it was probably one of our worst performances of the season. However, I thought we had done enough for a replay, but we got hit by two goals which I have my suspicions about."

"For the first one the ball looked to have gone out of play and just before the second we should have had a penalty. The FA Cup means a lot to clubs like us, so to go out in this fashion is even more frustrating."

Ashford were dealt a blow before the game with striker Paul Jones picking up a groin injury in the warm up. He was replaced by Joe Fuller but central defender John Guest was



OVER: Mitchell Sherwood had a chance to open the scoring for Ashford Town as they crashed out of the FA Cup

eligible to play after extending his loan move from Dartford.

The first chance of the game fell to Mitchell Sherwood on four minutes who worked himself an opening only to shoot wide.

Town's best opportunity came ten minutes before the break when Nick Smith intercepted the ball on the edge of the area, but his snap

Ashford Town starting XI



Subs used: Harrold (Hockey 57), Swaisland (Coleman 77), Norman (Smith 82)

shot was blocked by the Leatherhead defence.

For most of the second half neither side stamped their authority on the game, but a rare spell of pressure from Ashford midway through the half almost brought about the opening goal.

Luke Coleman squeezed his way through the Leatherhead defence, but his shot from a tight angle bounced off the post to safety.

The turning point of the game came on 84 minutes when Leatherhead attacked and appeared to take the ball out of play, before Marc Elston lashed the ball past Chalmers-Stevens into the net.

To make matter worse, the visitors thought they had won a penalty for a challenge on Kevin Swaisland in the area, but the referee waved away their appeals.

With Ashford's players still shocked at the decision, Hassan Nyang wrapped up the win by scoring Leatherhead's second of the afternoon.

Town return to Ryman South action on Saturday, at home against Whyteleafe.

RUGBY



DEFEAT: Ashford were denied an opening day win

Ashford slump to open day defeat after bright start

Ashford 12 Old Olavians 21

DESPITE a bright start, Ashford's hopes of an opening day win were dashed after conceding a late try at Kinney's Field.

Led by London Wasps under-20 coach Dai Fussell, Ashford took the lead inside the first five minutes. Joe Lakin picked up the ball from the base of the scrum and passed the ball out to Dan Bushell, who scored in the corner. Ashford missed the conversion.

Old Olavians cut the deficit with a successful penalty but Ashford continued to pile on the pressure from the restart.

Despite that early pressure, the visitors took the lead by stretching the home side's defence to score their first try of the afternoon. Just before the break, Old Olavians scored another try which put Ashford further behind at the interval.

Conversion

A try early in the second half put Ashford back in the game. A kick from fly-half Grant Burdon was gathered by the winger who crashed over the try line. A successful conversion made it a one-point game.

Old Olavians continued to push forward despite their narrow lead and scored a try and penalty late on which ultimately condemned Ashford to an opening day defeat.

Ashford hope to secure their first win of the season when they host Cranbrook this Saturday.

Ashford's 2nd XV also lost their first game of the season after a narrow 14-10 defeat to Ash on Saturday.

Lewis Stimpson gave Ashford the lead with a try on 25 minutes which proved to be the only score of the half.

The lead lasted until the 50th minute when sloppy defending from Ashford allowed Ash to score a converted try. Ash scored a second try soon after to take the score to 14-5 after Ashford lost concentration during a midfield battle.

Ashford fought back and scored a try late on through Andy Kinkead, but it was not enough to prevent a 14-10 defeat.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	6	5	1	0	+7	16
2 Croydon Athletic	6	4	1	1	+15	13
3 Godalming Town	6	4	1	1	+6	13
4 Merstham	6	4	1	1	+6	13
5 Walton & Hersham	5	2	3	0	+3	9
6 Burgess Hill Town	7	3	0	4	-1	9
7 Dulwich Hamlet	5	2	2	1	+3	8
8 Leatherhead	6	2	2	2	+1	8
9 Corinthian-Casuals	6	2	2	2	0	8
10 Ramsgate	7	2	2	3	0	8
11 Walton Casuals	6	2	2	2	0	8
12 Sittingbourne	5	2	1	2	0	7
13 Fleet Town	6	2	1	3	-1	7
14 Chatham Town	5	2	1	2	-3	7
15 Metropolitan Police	5	1	3	1	0	6
16 Whyteleafe	5	2	0	3	-1	6
17 Worthing	5	2	0	3	-1	6
18 Whitstable Town	5	2	0	3	-7	6
19 Horsham YMCA	6	1	2	3	-7	5
20 Chipstead	6	0	3	3	-5	3
21 Eastbourne Town	5	0	2	3	-5	2
22 Ashford Town	5	0	2	3	-10	2

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ashford Town v Leatherhead

Poor batting blamed for Tenterden relegation woe

CRICKET ROUND-UP

A LACK of runs with the bat ultimately cost Tenterden as they were relegated from Division One on the final day of the Kent Cricket League season.

A series of results went against Daniel McDonald's side to see them go down by a solitary point. Form with the bat was key, with Timir Chanda topping the team's charts with just 449 runs for the season – the lowest top score for a team in the division.

Chanda can reflect on a decent season individually after finishing as Tenterden's best bowler with 38 wickets, which was the third highest in Division One. Mark Baker (31 wickets) was also in the top ten.

Ashford Town finished in the comfort of mid-table after a solid season. Batting was their strongest suit, with Matthew Lincoln and Shannon Fattore compiling ten half-centuries between them as both passed 600 runs for the season.

Craig Buckham was the team's top bowler with 24 wickets, which came at an average just under 23.

There was another impressive performance in Town's third team, where Darren Cooper averaged under 20 for his 31 wickets – a total which included two five-wicket hauls.

The same could not be said for the team's batsmen, who struggled for runs all season. Howard Wooding only played eight games but top scored with 226 runs for the season as Ashford were relegated from Division Four with just one win all season.



DOWN: Tenterden paid the price for below-par scores

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